Reduction of school fees.

169. *MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they are aware that the enhancement of school fees this year (1111) has caused extreme hardship to the public and

(*b*) whether they have received representations from the people to reduce the fees at least to the level at which they were last year and what steps have been taken by Government to alleviate the people's sufferings in that direction?

MR. C. V. CHANDRASEKHARAN (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) *First Part.* No.

Second Part. This does not arise in view of the answer to part(*a*).

The Travancore Labour Association, Alleppey.

170. *MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Travancore Labour Association, Alleppey, applied for registration of their Association;

(*b*) whether the Government refused to register the Association; and

(*c*) if so, the reason for the refusal?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The grant of a license is discretionary on the part of Government. The Government do not consider it in the public interest to disclose the reasons which weighed with them in refusing the license.

Appointment of Assistant Sirkar Vakil, Trivandrum.

171. *MR. K. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Quilon I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that one Mr. Padmanabha Pillai was appointed early in 1111 as Assistant Sirkar Vakil, Trivandrum;

(*b*) the date on which he took charge as Assistant Sirkar Vakil

(*d*) the date on which he handed over charge

(*d*) the period for which he was in service; and

(*e*) the remuneration due to him on account of his service?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*);

(*a*) There is no such post as Assistant Sirkar Vakil, Trivandrum.

(*b*), (*c*), (*d*) and (*e*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), these do not arise.

Irrigation works in the Mavelikara taluk.

172. MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): With reference to the answer to parts (a) and (b) of question No, 242, asked at the meeting

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of the Legislative Council held on the 16th May 1930, will the Government be pleased to state the further progress made with regard to each of the irrigation works mentioned in Appendix XXV at page 688, Vol. XVI of the Legislative Council Proceedings?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer, Roads, Buildings and Irrigation*): (1) Deepening and widening Puthenthodu and Pazhayathodu. This has been completed.

(2) Constructing a new diversion channel at the head of the Parenjankari channel in Chennithala *pakuthi*. An investigation estimate received from the Division Officer, Irrigation, is under further reference with him.

(3) Improvements to Madathumpady *thodu* and its branch Nettody *thodu* in Thiruperunthura. Since the people were not willing to pay cess the work is held in abeyance.

(4) Improvements to the *thodu* from Pantalam and South (Kadakad Bridge) to Mavera *punja*, Kallattu *punja* in Kadakkad *muri* and Puthenkandom *chira* in Thonnallur Pakuthi. An estimate for the work is under preparation.

(5) Drainage of *punja* lands bordering the Peruveli *chal* improving Vettiyar *thodu* etc. All works originally contemplated have been completed, as also the culvert and sluice subsequently found necessary.

(6) Deepening the *thodu* from Poothuchira to Arattukadavu. Thodiyoor canal in Chunakara *pakuthi*. This work has to be taken up only after Arattukadavu *thodu* is deepened, for which an investigation estimate is under preparation.

Transfer of Sub-Registrars.

173. ❊ **MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN** (*Mavelikara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the names of the Sub-Registrars transferred after the present Director of Registration took charge, with the places from which and the places to which they have been transferred, the period for which they have been serving in the respective stations from which they have been transferred, and the expenditure on account of such transfer for the travelling allowance to each of them; and

(*b*) whether travelling allowance has been refused to any of the persons referred to in part (*a*), and, if so, the names of such persons with the reasons for refusal?

RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) A *statement containing the information is laid on the table.

(*b*) Those transferred at their request or on complaints have been told that they will not be eligible for travelling allowances. The foot-note to the statement specifies the names of the persons who were refused T. A.

* *Vide* Appendix V.

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